

ACROSS THE BIG POND.

Theological Students Must Perform  
Military Service in Will-  
iam's Empire.

### Bismarck's Latest Scheme to Rid the Country of the Trouble- some Socialists.

A Proposition to be Made for All Europe  
to Disarm—The Portuguese  
and the English.

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BERLIN, Jan. 18.—In the reichstag the budget has passed the second reading. The proposition to exempt from military service

all theological students was rejected. Proposals for mitigating the terms of service of such students were accepted. There was great interest taken in Friday's debate of the subject of an African steamship line. Dr. Bumberger, for the German liberals, Dr. Windthorst and Prof. Virchow energetically opposed the bill. Ex-Minister Hobeicht practically insured its passage by promising to support the national liberal upon the second reading of the bill.

physician, counsels him to remain at Friederichsruhe, but it is asserted he insists upon going to Berlin, in the hope of forcing the passage of the socialist bill, and to give the inspiration and a war cry for the electoral conflict to the government parties.

The Westphalian Gazette repeats the accusation of the Hamburger Correspondent that the strikes throughout Germany are fomented by French agents, kept going by French money. It is not unlikely this is

sort of inspired suggestion, and that Bismarck himself will advance the argument relating to this idea in favor of the passage of the socialist bill, because in this guise he would ask for authority not to expel from Germany people driven to desperation, but an awfully wicked lot of Frenchmen, sent in to make unhappy a

Prof. Virchow, in addressing his constituents this week, declared it was his intention to propose in the next reichstag a general international disarmament as a true solution of the trouble and condition of Europe and the world of unbridled war.

In all official quarters there is a general denial of the Figaro's story that Portugal has appealed to Bismarck against England's action as a violation of the treaty of Berlin. It is asserted that the government is determined to preserve an attitude of

termed to preserve an attitude of the strictest neutrality with England. German desires to go hand in hand with England in colonial affairs as far as possible.

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**The Crisis in Portugal.**

LONDON, Jan. 18.—A dispatch from Lisbon to-day states that crowds of people assembled in the streets last night and shouted "Vive la Portugal," and "Down with England." Similar scenes were

acted in the principal towns. A vigilance committee has been formed in Lisbon for the purpose of denouncing receivers of English goods. French financiers have declined to negotiate a loan for Portugal. The Portuguese government anticipates

favorable reply to its note to the powers asking their intervention in the dispute between Portugal and Great Britain concerning territory in Africa.

TORONTO, JAN. 18.—The investigation of the books of the Ontario bank, so far as it has been made, is said to show evidences of conspiracy to wreck that institution. No

compromise will be accepted by the bank officials from those customers whose accounts show a debit balance, and the whole matter will be ventilated in court. Brown, the absconding ledger clerk, is in Buffalo. He has made a statement and offered to

make ample restitution to the bank. He turned over to his lawyer deeds of properties valued at \$60,000, which were purchased with the money that properly belonged to the bank.

**BURNED TO DEATH.**  


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**A Missouri Hermit With a History Perishes in His Bed.**  
 Hannibal, Mo., Jan. 18.—A Times-Springfield

field, Mo., special says: At 10 o'clock last night the house of Hugh Farmer was burned to the ground. Farmer perished in the flames. Investigation of the ruin showed that coal-oil had been freely used.

showed that coal-oil had been freely scattered about the house. It is believed that some of Farmer's negro tenants murdered their landlord for his money and then set fire to the house to cover up the crime. Farmer was a native of county Wicklow.

Ireland, and the son of wealthy parents. His family objected to his marrying a housemaid and he came to America, invested his money in Missouri farms and other real estate. He lived the life of a hermit and accumulated a large sum of

**A Preacher is Short.**  
BUFFALO, Jan. 18.—Rev. E. C. T. Ernst of St. Jacob's church, is accused of misap-

plying \$1,000 which he collected to defray the expenses of the organization of a grand musical festival to aid in the building fund of the church. A card is published in which several leading citizens who were aiding in the movement, announce their withdrawal.

Kunze Out on Bail.

CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—John Kunze, who was among the four men found guilty of the murder of Dr. Cronin, and whose punishment the jury fixed at three years in the penitentiary, is a free man again. His ban

\$5,000, was to-day furnished by a dim museum manager. It is not at all likely the state's attorney will prosecute Kunz again.

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Shot His Wife.

ROME, N. Y., Dec. 18.—John Law, age 69 years, shot his wife to-night, inflicting fatal wounds, and then cut his throat, but will recover. He also shot at two children but missed them. He had lived apart from

**Picked Up at Sea.**

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 18.—Capt. Bordo, of the English steamship Falls, from Java with sugar, which arrived to-day, reports that he picked up on the passage the disabled steamship Siam with a large and valuable cargo and 400 passengers and

**Pilfered From the Mails.**  
CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—J. V. Devine, a clerk in the inquiry department of the postoffice

here was arrested to-day. He had been suffering from the mails for eighteen months.

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